

2 An ordinance relating to the graduated business license tax imposed pursuant to
3 Ordinance 60643; imposing, subject to the approval of the voters, increased graduated
4 business license taxes; repealing, subject to the approval of the qualified voters
5 SECTION ONE of Ordinance 60643, approved January 8, 1988, and enacting in lieu
6 thereof a new SECTION ONE imposing increased graduated business license taxes;
7 submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposition to approve the
8 increase in the graduated business license taxes; providing for an election and the manner
9 of voting thereat; providing that if such question shall receive the votes of a majority of
10 the voters voting thereon that such tax shall be authorized and shall be imposed on
11 graduated business licenses issued for the tax year beginning June 1, 2006 and every tax
12 year thereafter; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

13 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

14 **SECTION ONE.** Subject to the approval of the qualified voters of the herein
15 submitted proposition, SECTION ONE of Ordinance 60643, pertaining to the graduated
16 business license tax, is repealed and a new SECTION ONE, pertaining to the same
17 subject matter is enacted, which increases the graduated business license tax as
18 hereinafter provided.

19 **SECTION TWO.** The following question is hereby submitted to the qualified
20 voters of the City of St. Louis and shall be voted upon at an election to be held as
21 hereinafter provided. The question shall read substantially in words and figures as
22 follows:

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3 Shall the graduated business license tax rates imposed in SECTION ONE of
4 Ordinance 60643 be repealed and new graduated business license tax rates as
5 follows be imposed:

6	St. Louis Employees	Graduated Business License Tax
7	2 or fewer	\$200.00
8	3-5	\$325.00
9	6-10	\$675.00
10	11-20	\$1500.00
11	21-30	\$2250.00
12	31-40	\$3000.00
13	41-50	\$4500.00
14	51-75	\$7500.00
15	76-100	\$11,250.00
16	101-150	\$15,000.00
17	151-200	\$20,250.00
18	201-300	\$25,500.00
19	301-400	\$30,000.00
20	401-500	\$34,500.00
21	501 or more	\$37,500.00

22 YES [] NO []

23 If you are in favor of the question, place an X in the box opposite YES. If you are

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1 opposed to the question, place an X in the box opposite NO.

2 **SECTION THREE.** The foregoing question shall be submitted to the qualified
3 voters at an election called and to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, and if the question
4 shall receive in its favor the votes of a majority of the voters voting thereon, the tax shall
5 be authorized and shall be imposed on graduated business licenses issued for the tax year
6 beginning June 1, 2006 and every tax year thereafter. The qualified voters may, at such
7 election, vote a ballot in substantially the following form:

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11 Ordinance 60643 be repealed and new graduated business license tax rates as follows
12 be imposed.

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7 YES [] NO []

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9 opposed to the question, place an X in the box opposite NO.

10 **SECTION FOUR.** The Board of Election Commissioners of the City of St. Louis
11 shall provide notice of such election pursuant to Section 115.127 RSMo, shall provide the
12 ballots or voting machines, or both, and conduct the election and shall ascertain the
13 results thereof, all according to the laws regulating such elections. Upon approval of this
14 ordinance, it shall be published once in the City Journal. Proof of publication of this
15 ordinance shall be made by affidavit of the City Register and such affidavit shall be filed
16 in the office of the City Register and a copy of said publication shall be attached thereto.

17 **SECTION FIVE.** Upon approval of the voters of the proposition contained
18 herein SECTION ONE of Ordinance 60643 shall read as follows:

19 SECTION ONE. There is hereby imposed a graduated business license tax on all
20 merchants, manufacturers, businesses, avocations, pursuits and callings that are not
21 exempt from the payment of licenses by law, except those merchants, manufacturers,
22 businesses, avocations, pursuits and callings listed in SECTION THREE of Ordinance
23 60643. The graduated business license tax shall be calculated and based on the licensee's

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1 St. Louis employees as defined in SECTION TWO OF Ordinance 60643 and be payable

2 prior to issuance of a business license as follows:

3	St. Louis Employees	Graduated Business License Tax
4	2 or fewer	\$200.00
5	3-5	\$325.00
6	6-10	\$675.00
7	11-20	\$1500.00
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20 **SECTION SIX.** If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the
21 remainder of this Ordinance, to the extent severable there from, shall not thereby be
22 invalidated.

23 **SECTION SEVEN.** This being an ordinance providing for the submission of a

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1 question to the voters, it is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance as provided by
2 Article IV, Section 20 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis, and shall be effective
3 immediately upon approval by the Mayor or its approval over his or her veto.